

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel Claim 1 - 52.

Please enter the following new Claims:

53. (New) A composition for organ preservation comprising lactobionate and insulin-like growth factor 1, said Insulin-like Growth Factor 1 provided at a concentration of from about 1 ng/ml to 100 ng/ml.

54. (New) The composition of Claim 53, further comprising hydroxyethyl starch.

55. (New) The composition of Claim 54, wherein said hydroxyethyl starch is present in a concentration of about 1 to 200 g/l.

56. (New) The composition of Claim 53, further comprising an antimicrobial polypeptide.

57. (New) The composition of Claim 56, wherein said antimicrobial polypeptide is a defensin.

58. (New) The composition of Claim 57, wherein said defensin is encoded by SEQ ID NO: 37.

59. (New) The composition of Claim 56, wherein said antimicrobial polypeptide is present in a concentration of about 0.01 to 1000 mg/l.

60. (New) The composition of Claim 53, wherein said lactobionate is present in a concentration of about 1 to 500 mM.

61. (New) The composition of Claim 53, further comprising Substance P.

62. (New) The composition of Claim 61, wherein said Substance P is provided at a concentration of from about 0.1 µg/ml to 100 µg/ml.
63. (New) The composition of Claim 53, further comprising Nerve Growth Factor.
64. (New) The composition of Claim 53, wherein said Nerve Growth Factor is provided at a concentration of from about 1 ng/ml to 100 ng/ml.
65. (New) The composition of Claim 53, further comprising an internal organ.
66. (New) A composition for organ preservation comprising lactobionate at a concentration of about 1 to 500 mM and insulin-like growth factor 1 at a concentration of from about 1 ng/ml to 100 ng/ml.
67. (New) A composition for organ preservation comprising lactobionate at a concentration of about 1 to 500 mM, insulin-like growth factor 1 at a concentration of from about 1 ng/ml to 100 ng/ml, hydroxyethyl starch at a concentration of about 1 to 200 g/l, Nerve Growth Factor at a concentration of from about 1 ng/ml to 100 ng/ml, and Substance P at a concentration of from about 0.1 µg/ml to 100 µg/ml.

**Listing of the Claims**

1 - 52. (Cancelled)

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